

GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT



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Dear General:

In addition to the accumulations of reasons why I'd like to have a chance to talk with you, I have a new one.

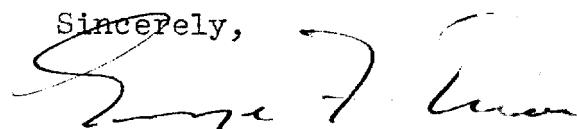
The Editors of U.S.A. - a new monthly magazine of general information being published under the auspices of the National Association of Manufacturers - have asked me to do an article on our Intelligence services. I told them that, of course, such an article would have to be fairly general in scope, and could hardly touch on many of the interesting details. However, they seemed to feel that it would be useful to write what can be written and so I am wondering whether you will let me come down and talk to you about this, and find out just what I can give them that will help their readers to understand some of the problems involved in keeping our government adequately informed on what is going on in the world.

They want this piece as early in March as they can get it, so would there be any chance to see you sometime during the week following Washington's Birthday?

Anyway, I've been wanting to see you for a long time so I'm hoping very much that you can fit me into an open space in your schedule, though I know such spaces are few and far between.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Fielding Eliot".

George Fielding Eliot

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